

What is claimed is:

1. A skirt for a boat hoist having a front end, a rear end, opposite sides, and a canopy frame, the skirt comprising:

a plurality of panels adapted to hang from the canopy frame so to form an enclosure

5 extending around a boat on the hoist;

one of the panels being a door panel to provide access to the boat; and

one of the panels being a rear panel extending substantially across the rear of the hoist and being moveable between a closed position and an open position to allow entry and exit of the boat to and from the hoist.

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2. The skirt of claim 1 wherein the door panel is raisable to an open position and lowered to a closed position.

3. The skirt of claim 1 further comprising a pulley system mounted in the canopy frame and having at least one rope connected to the rear panel for raising the rear panel to the open position.

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4. The skirt of claim 1 wherein at least one panel includes wind vents.

20 5. The skirt of claim 1 wherein each panel has a lower edge which is weighted.

6. The skirt of claim 1 wherein each panel includes a lower edge with a pocket therein, and an elongated member residing within the pocket.

25 7. The skirt of claim 6 wherein the elongated members include a front member and opposite side members joined to opposite ends of the front member.

8. The skirt of claim 1 further comprising a U-shaped lower weight extending across the front and sides of the hoist and being secured to a lower edge of the panels.

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9. The skirt of claim 1 wherein each panel has an upper edge with grommets adapted to receive a tie member for securing the panel to the canopy frame.

10. The skirt of claim 1 wherein each panel has opposite sides with grommets adapted to receive tie members for securing adjacent edges together.

11. The skirt of claim 1 further comprising a second door panel to provide additional access to the boat.

12. A boat hoist skirt for enclosing a boat on the hoist, comprising:
a front panel;
a rear panel;
opposite side panels; and
the rear panel being moveable between raised and lowered positions independently of the side panels.

13. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 wherein each panel is weighted.

14. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 wherein each panel includes a lower edge with a pocket and a weight in the pocket.

15. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 wherein at least one panel has at least one wind vent.

16. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 wherein each panel includes an upper edge adapted to be secured to the hoist.

17. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 further comprising a pulley system to raise and lower the rear panel.

18. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 further comprising a U-shaped member secured to the front and side panels adjacent lower edges thereof.

5 19. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 wherein each panel has an upper edge with grommets for tying the panels to the hoist.

20. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 wherein the side panels are each secured to the front panel.

10 21. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 further comprising a door panel movable between raised and lowered positions to provide access to the boat.

22. The boat hoist skirt of claim 12 further comprising a second door panel movable between raised and lowered positions.

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23. A boat hoist skirt for protecting a boat on a hoist having a canopy with a perimeter frame, the skirt comprising:

at least one side panel mounted to the canopy perimeter frame so as to hang downwardly into close proximity to the water so as to protect at least one side of the boat from the sun.

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24. The boat hoist skirt of claim 23 further comprising a door panel mounted on the canopy perimeter frame and being movable between raised and lowered positions independent of the side panel.

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25. The boat hoist skirt of claim 23 further comprising a rear panel mounted on the canopy perimeter frame and being movable between raised and lowered positions independently of the side panel.